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Sir P. Nichols
 (The Hague) to
 Mr. Churchill
 Top Secret
 Dated 30 Dec 1945
 Recd 5 Jan 1946

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 Enquiry concerning conduct of
 clandestine operations in the
 Netherlands during the war.

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 (The Hague)
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 Mr. Street ✓ Jan. 15th

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Mr. Street - For observations please.

Roveray

5/Jan.

I attach a suggested draft
 reply which is, I hope, self-explanatory.

Draft Street

12 Jan.

I have no comments on Mr. Street's
 draft.

Roveray

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
THE HAGUE.

30th December 1948.

TOP SECRET.

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My dear Home,

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With reference to my Top Secret letter of 3rd December about the statement for the Enquiry Commission concerning 1940-1945, my Military Attaché has been informed by General Kruls that he has handed a copy of the statement to the Chairman of the Commission of Enquiry, that the Chairman was very grateful for the statement, and that its effect may be "very good".

At the same time, General Kruls said the Chairman had asked if we might have a copy of Lord Maliborn's Report. I hardly suppose that we can comply with this request, but I should be grateful if you would confirm that this is so; and perhaps give me material for a civil answer which Kruls could pass on to the Chairman.

Yours ever

John Russell

P.H. Grosvenor, MP,
Western Department,
Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely
John Russell
C.A.E. Sketchley

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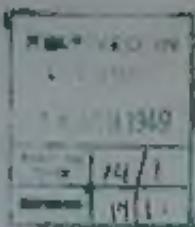
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~~Mr. W. H. Brewster~~
Mr. Sheldrake

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High Street.



my best regards, etc., 15 Jan.
I have now to give you our Pres-
-sident's [from Eric P. H.], expressing
my thanks for your letter of 30th
January about the statement for the Sogets
Seminar beginning in 1940-1945.

I have consulted Heyter's Friends about General Strate's request for a copy of "Lord
Selborne's Report". They presume that General
Kruis means the enquiry mentioned in the state-
ment which has already been mailed to him.
Perhaps you could confirm that this is the case.
Heyter's Friends would be willing to supply a
copy (in English) of the report, provided that
it ^{is} handed to the Chairman of the Commission
of Enquiry for his personal perusal and return,
but they wish to emphasize that the report was
written before the liberation of Holland and
before the relevant German Archives had become
¹⁹² available. ¹⁹² Therefore I would therefore wonder
whether it would be of much assistance.

At the same time, they know little of the procedure which is being adopted by the Committee of Enquiry, nor are they familiar with the individuals comprising it, and they would be grateful for your opinion whether the composition of the Committee is such that they could pass the report to the Chairman without any fear that it would be misused.

Yours sincerely
John Russell
A. E. Shuckburgh

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

(2 59/1032/29 a)
Top Secret

15th January, 1949.

my dear Ambassador,

I have now taken over this Department from Crosthwaite and am accordingly writing to answer your letter to him of 30th December about the statement for the Enquiry Commission Regeringsbolagd 1940-1945.

I have consulted Hayter's friends about General Kruls' request for a copy of "Lord Selborne's report". They presume that General Kruls means the enquiry mentioned in the statement which has already been handed to him. Perhaps you could confirm that this is the case. Hayter's friends would be willing to supply a copy (in English) of the Report, provided that it is handed to the Chairman of Commission of Enquiry for his personal perusal and return, but they wish to emphasize that the report was written before the liberation of Holland and before the relevant German Archives had become available: they are not sure therefore that it will be of much assistance.

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Yours sincerely

(sgd) John Russell

fot
(C.A.S. Shuckburgh)

Sir Philip Nichols, K.C.M.G., K.C.:
The Hague.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

THE HAGUE.

6th January, 1949.

TOP SECRET

Dear Department,

Your Top Secret letter (S 10445/10408/a) of 31st December about clandestine operations in Holland during the war has crossed the Ambassador's letter to Crosthwaite of 30th December. We are glad that Hayter's friends are prepared to consider publicity. At the moment however the Dutch press is entirely preoccupied with the Indonesian question, and we should want to learn more about the probable findings of the Commission, and its future procedure before deciding on our plan of action. Meanwhile we are making the necessary enquiries and the two officers mentioned in your letter are putting their heads together.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY.

Western Department,
Foreign Office.

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Mr. Shrubsole
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Supply of copy of Lord
Selborne's report to President
of Committee of Enquiry: question of
Issue of public statement about "Englandspiel".

(Answer)

M. Jaques, the President of the
Committee of Enquiry has now given the
assurance regarding how Selborne's report
would have responded to Mr. Russell's letter
to Sir Philip Nichols. (See 259)

Would Mr. Halford please obtain a
copy of the report for transmission to
The Hague?

As regards the issue of a public state-
ment on the allegations in "the Englandspiel",
we trust, I think, await the recommenda-
tion of the Information Secretary and

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Mr. Halford
The Report has already been sent F-245

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now been received from Mr. Kier.
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2 copies of Lord Settrington's Report
were sent to the Foreign by Dutton,
diplomatic bag, 1.23rd March.

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See also pp. on 21759 & about Sir P.
Nichols' suggestion that a statement
be issued to counter his allegations in
the "Englandsspiel".

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

150/3/49.

THE HAGUE.

24th February, 1949.

M. de Gruy.

On the 15th January you wrote to me (your No. Z.69/1081/2SG) about the statement for the Enquiry Commission Regeringsbeleid 1940-1945.

On this matter we have been in touch with Colonel Fock, who is well known to ~~and~~ whose official job is adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs. Through him we have been sounding the President of the Committee of Enquiry, Mr. Denker, and put to him the conditions Heyter's friends feel they must impose in regard to supplying a copy of Lord Selborne's report. As a result Denker, after consulting his colleague on the Committee, is prepared to give an undertaking in writing, if necessary, that he alone will see the report. If, therefore, you now send me a copy of the Selborne Report I will see that it is given to Mr. Denker, together with the comments contained in the final sentences of para. 6 of your letter under reply.

Meanwhile as regards issuing a statement here about the "Englandsspiel" - which I still personally have much at heart - there have been certain developments. In the first place Major Bingham, who you will find mentioned in the statement we handed to the Committee, is reported in the Press to have come here himself and to have given oral evidence before the Committee. My staff have been trying to ascertain whether this report is well-founded, and if it is why on earth Bingham did not report to us before giving evidence; or why we were not warned from your end, if indeed, your people knew anything of this visit. Unfortunately I shall not be able to obtain this information before the bag shuts this evening.

Secondly, a book has been published here by a young Dutch lawyer named van der Staap on the "Englandspiel", which we are told reproduces, in a rather extreme form, the familiar allegations against British officers. We are having this book translated at once, and it looks as though we shall have to take it into consideration in any statement we may eventually put out.

A little delay is unlikely to be harmful as Dutch public opinion at the moment is entirely concentrated on Indonesia, but the "Englandspiel" has not been forgotten and sooner or later a public statement on our part should be useful.

C. A. E. Shuckburgh, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

J. C.

R. W. Ainsworth

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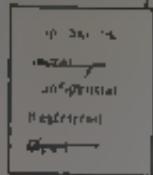
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Mr. Gruenberg

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[Dear]

In reply to your
letter 150/3/49 of 24th February
about the 3rd copy of the Van
Kerkhove statement for the
Enquête Commission Régulings -
belied 900 1945. I enclose her
two copies of her letter's report,
one of which is for Mr. Denker

The answers to the other questions
in your letter are being dealt with
separately. I am awaiting
further from you about them
before writing longer. Yours,

This letter and the enclosed papers
are being sent by courtesy of the
Netherlands Embassy in their diplomatic
mail bag, as we have not had
another confidential bag until

Monday.

[Yours]

BRITISH EMBASSY
THE HAGUE

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My dear Rance

Sorry to say sorry for your letter. I am enclosing
with it two copies of the two copies of
the "Daily Mail" of July 18th.

We are sending you the original copy to
you by air. We are sending a copy to our
agent in Berlin. This is because we have
not yet received any news from Berlin.
Please let us know if you receive any news
from Berlin.

On the subject of the British
Government's policy in Germany, we believe that the
Government will make no changes to what it has done.

Your ever

W.H. Nichols

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Sir P. Nutids rang up to say that
he hoped we wld be able to get out
our statement soon, ~~as the moment for~~
publication might shortly arrive. He wld
be direction as to when he should publish
(after getting Dutch consent)

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PS See attached letter

French Office

Courant rejected the theories put out by Winchester in his
speech, but made no mention of the novel written by Paul de Gaulle.

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BRITISH EMBASSY
THE HAGUE

To the left

10th March, 1951.

To the right

Below

My dear Sirs

In your top secret letter X 1785/1051/290 of the 4th March reached me I was on the point of writing to you to let you know that there have been several developments here about the Englandsiegel. In the first place the Lanchester Guardian article which you enclosed stirred up considerable interest in the Dutch press which had already had its interest in the subject revived by the publication of a book called "The Englandsiegel" written by Mr. J. van der Stoep, the former defence counsel of the traitor von der Waals, who has recently been tried and sentenced to death. There is now considerable public interest in the latter which has moved the liberal newspaper "Algemeen Nieuwsblad" to say that the Manchester Guardian's opinion is personal and that they would now like to hear the explanation from an official British source.

A summary is attached showing the three main accusations on which we have been accused. I also attach copy of a précis of the operative "Englandsiegel" prepared by the Press and Information Service of the Embassy. This précis contains the three criticisms generally levelled against the United Kingdom in connection with the Englandsiegel.

Shoreham, 68
Western Department,
Foreign Office.

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H.M.F.T.E.D.

Court rejected the theories put out by Manchester Guardian and Mr. Sharp, but made no mention of the novel written by Noël de Gaulle.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
THE HAGUE

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(a) The first operator to be dropped in Holland when he did caught it, definitely failed to send the security code, and sent what he presumably used the word "conscript" in his messages, so far from the bottom end of the Organisation realising what had happened they merely wiretapped him so that he did not know his Morse code properly.

(c) The Dutch members of the organisation in London were not allowed to see all the relevant telegrams.

I now think it essential that a comprehensive statement should be prepared, dealing with these points in non technical language readily comprehensible by the general public. It should be issued as an official statement by the British Government, and provided that we can obtain the assent of the Dutch to its terms, I think it would be most effective if put out from this Embassy. Otherwise, it should be issued first in London. It is particularly important that all dates referred to should be very carefully checked as the Dutch are likely to be very quick in picking up any small inaccuracies. The précis enclosed in your letter is, I am sure you will agree, hardly suitable for our purpose. What is required is something more comprehensive which also answers the points (a), (b) & (c) above.

I should perhaps add that I personally have not yet had time to read the précis of Stavro's book, as it only reached me today and I have been all day on Indore.

Yours etc

Stanley Llewelyn

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current rejected the theories put out by Manchester and the 10th Inf
Army, but made no mention of the novel written by General de Gaulle,

100-101-23

9th March, 1949.

13. Accusations I.C.

Accusations Against the British

Britain has been accused on three separate occasions, in connection with the war-time Englandspiel.

(a) Van der Storp's Theory

The Council for the defence of a notorious Dutch collaborator van der Storp, J.J. van der Storp, has accused Britain of devising the Englandspiel, together with Schreider, for the purpose of wiping out resistance workers. Britain, van der Storp argued, was afraid that the solidarity and the renewed national feelings in Western Europe would threaten post-war British influence on the Continent. By supplying arms to the resistance movement during the latter stages of the war, when large numbers of criminals and demoralised elements had infiltrated into the resistance movement in Holland, Britain found a means of breaking down the reputation of the movement as a whole. In this manner, van der Storp argued, Britain succeeded in breaking the feelings of solidarity.

(b) Noel de Gaulle's Accusation

Major K. de Graaf, Acting Head of the Bureau for Special Assignments in London during the war, has written a brochure under the pen name of Noel de Gaulle on the same subject. The brochure appeared in the shape of a novel, and centres around a plot in which Major Bingham of the British Intelligence Service collaborated with a cousin working for Schreider in the Hague. De Graaf has said since that both Bingham have disappeared, and cannot be found. He has described van der Storp's theory as wilful nonsense.

(c) The Alkmaarsche Courant Theory

An entirely new theory was explained in a recent edition of the Alkmaarsche Courant, which broke down the story contained in the Manchester Guardian. The fault for the death of hundreds of Dutch underground workers, this paper announced, lay with certain British authorities, who disregarded messages sent to London by the resistance movement, via Switzerland. If due notice had been taken of those messages, many lives could have been saved. Alkmaarsche Courant rejected the theories put out by Manchester Guardian and van der Storp, but made no mention of the novel written by Noel de Gaulle.

THE ENGLISH SPEECH.

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J. E. van der Stoep

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Press and Information Services
British Embassy
The Hague

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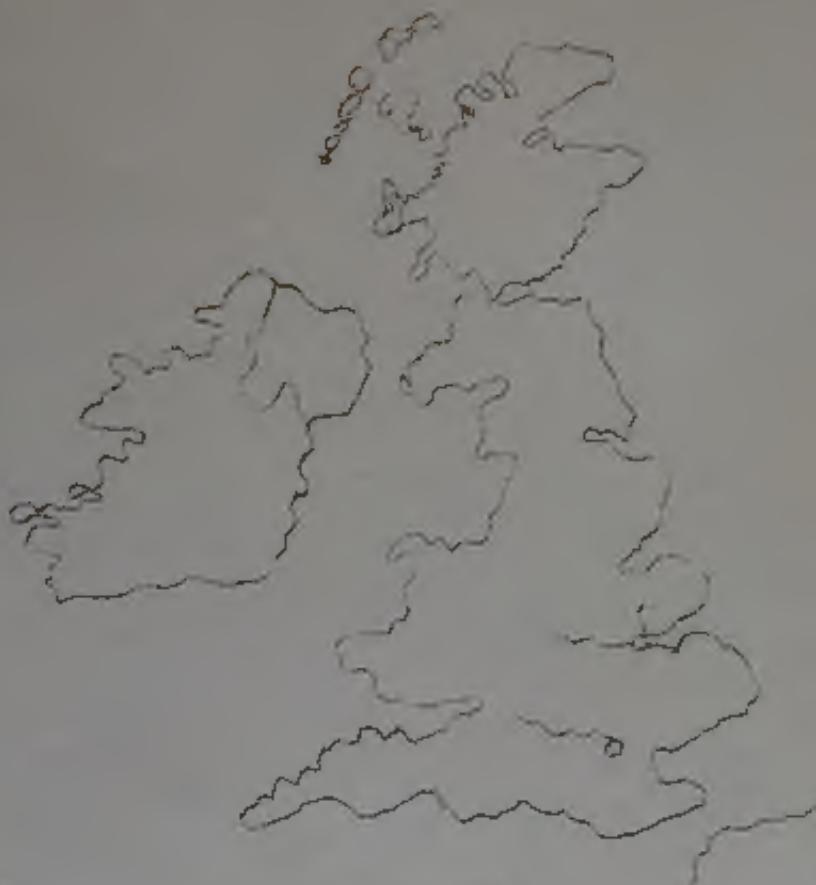
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5. If we are to answer at all on a technical,
historical or factual statement, we feel sure
that anything less than a full explanation would
evolve a flood of questions and lead to the
accusation that we were trying to conceal
something.



The "England-spiel"
by
J. E. and Starp

them to the outside world. We must deplore the inevitable attendant association of the Foreign Office or of our diplomatic missions with foreigners. I refer particularly to the use of "visible double agents."

3. If we are to depend at all on a technical, historical or factual statement, we feel sure that anything from him a full examination would evoke a flood of questions and lead to the accusation with regard to us being, to suspect something.

INTRODUCTION

This is not a novel, although the title - "The Unmaking of the Van-man" - is rather suggestive. This subtitle, however, is a deviation from Noel de Gauville's story: "The Desperate Carnival". The reason why my story is not a novel, is because its purpose is to give an account of what actually happened. I chose the title for the following reasons:

Noel de Gauville deceives his readers, and plainly tries to lay a smokescreen around the so-called Englandspiel. The time has come to tell the truth about this Englandspiel and the story of van der Tuuk.

The relation to the notorious English lies in the unmaking of the Van-man. These Van-men, the execution of the British betrayal are responsible for a highly intricate situation. The notorious Johnny Lister was sent to the Argentine by the Bureau of National Security. Colonel van der Tuuk received his papers from Captain Pittman of the Intelligence Service, in co-operation with the Bureau of National Security, and was sent to Norway as a Captain of the Intelligence Service. Colonel van Menthoven, the head of the Bureau of National Security, organized a wild-goose chase all over Europe but carefully avoided looking for him in the spot where he was then safely hidden; the villa in Bonn, which had been arranged for him by the Intelligence Service.

The notorious Vanmen, Deurts, the Belgian opposite of van der Tuuk, was twice sentenced to death by default; it now appears that during all that time he was in Holland. There does not appear to be a single legal expert in Belgium who remembered that there existed a treaty of extradition between Belgium and Holland, and..... a few months ago Deurts left for safer regions on a Greek ship, equipped with British papers.

Equally notorious was Van-man Hans and far more guilty than attorney van der Tuuk. Without much further ado, he was released by Public Prosecutor De Meyer, - the man who was so voraciously prosecutorial since Dutch National Socialists.

Then to the outside world... we deplore the inevitable attendant association of the Foreign Office or of our Diplomatic Missions with such practices. I refer particularly to the use of "visible double agents."

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